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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: GOJ DISAPPROVAL OF FLYING TIGER APPLICATION

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1. SUMMARY: GOJ UNWILLING TO CONSIDER FTL APPLICATION SEPARATELY; ACTION ON APPLICATION WILL BE A PART OF GOJ RESPONSE TO U.S. DOCUMENT 5 AS TO HOW CAPACITY FREEZE WOULD BE EXTENDED. MOFA HAS ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER INFORMAL FILING MADE BY PAN AM TO ADD HOUSTON AND CHICAGO TO FREIGHTER ROUTINGS BEHIND U.S. GATEWAYS EFFECTIVE MID-FEB. ASST SEC HOLBROOKE AND AMBASSADOR WILL SEEK OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE FTL AND BROADER CIVAIR CONCERNS WITH FON MIN ON JANUARY 13. END SUMMARY.

2. ON JANUARY 11, MOFA FIRST NO. AMER. DIV. OFFICIAL YABUNAKA CALLED TO CONFIRM RECEIPT OF AMB'S PHONE CALL TO USHIBA AND NOTE (REFTEL) RE FLYING TIGER SINGAPORE APPLICATION. MOFA OFFICIAL SAID GOJ WOULD NOT CONSIDER FTL APPLICATION SEPARATELY BUT ONLY WITHIN CONTEXT OF GOJ REPLY TO U.S. DOCUMENT 5 AS TO HOW TO EXTEND "CAPACITY FREEZE" THROUGH MARCH 30. MOFA OFFICIAL ALSO EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT THAT U.S. WAS UNWILLING TO ABIDE BY
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"UNDERSTANDING" REACHED AT OCTOBER SESSION THAT GOJ WOULD NOT APPROVE SERVICE TO POINTS NEW TO THE ROUTE OF A PARTICULAR AIRLINE. (MOFA FIRST N. A. DIV DIR WATANABE EXPRESSED THIS SAME DISAPPOINTMENT TO EMIN BUTTAN DURING A CHANCE MEETING AT HANEDA AIRPORT JANUARY 10.)

3. YABUNAKA ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER INFORMAL

FILING MADE BY PAN AM JANUARY 10 DIRECTLY WITH JCAB TO ROUTE ONE WESTBOUND FREIGHTER VIA HOUSTON AND ONE EASTBOUND VIA CHICAGO EFFECTIVE MID-FEBRUARY. EMBOFF REPLIED THAT SINCE BOTH POINTS LIE BEHIND U.S. GATEWAYS ISSUE SHOULD NOT EVEN BE BROUGHT UP FOR DISCUSSION. FYI IT MUST BE ADMITTED THAT A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE DEFINITION OF A "POINT NEW TO A PARTICULAR AIRLINE" WAS NOT THRASHED OUT IN OCTOBER BUT EMBOFF FELT CERTAIN WE WOULD NOT ACCEPT GOJ ATTEMPT TO REGULATE SERVICE POINTS BEHIND U.S. GATEWAYS. END FYI.

4. MOFA OFFICIAL STATED GOJ WAS WORKING ON REPLY TO U.S. DOCUMENT 5 BUT GAVE NO ESTIMATE AS TO WHEN IT WOULD BE FORTHCOMING. ASST SEC HOLBROOKE AND AMBASSADOR WILL AGAIN RAISE FTL APPLICATION AND OTHER CONCERNS, AS EXPRESSED PARA 4 STATE 4763, DURING STRAUSS MEETING WITH FOR MIN SONODA ON JAN 13.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE REGARDING PAN AM APPLICATION. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY BELIEVES WE SHOULD SUPPORT IT, SUCH SUPPORT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE CITED BY THE GOJ AS CONTRARY TO THE ASSURANCE OFFERED IN OUR JANUARY 10 NOT OF NOT, ASIDE FROM FTL SINGAPORE, INCREASING FREQUENCIES TO JAPAN BEFORE MARCH 30.
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